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SUBJ: CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS--PRESS COVERAGE OF LATEST ROUND

1. THE JULY 1 EDITIONS OF INDEPENDENT LOCAL PAPERS ESTRELLA DE PANAMA AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE STAR & HERALD GAVE FEATURE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER TACK THAT, IN VIEW OF PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, A DRAFT NEW CANAL TREATY MIGHT BE READY BY LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY IN 1975. TACK'S COMMENT WAS REPORTEDLY MADE TO NEWSMEN AT AIRPORT JUST PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S DEPARTURE JUNE 30. SAME ARTICLES QUOTE AMBASSADOR BUNKER AS TELLING NEWSMEN THAT "WE ARE MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS" AND THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO PANAMA LATER IN JULY FOR FURTHER TALKS.

2. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED CRITICA OF JULY 1 ALSO FEATURED STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE TIMING OF DRAFT AGREEMENT BUT, BY MISTAKE OR DESIGN, ATTRIBUTED IT TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER RATHER THAN THE FOREIGN MINISTER. IN CRITICA'S VERSION, TACK IS REPORTED TO HAVE CONFINED HIMSELF TO STATING THAT "WE HOPE THAT WILL BE THE CASE" AND THAT "WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS."

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USIS OFFICER WHO WAS PRESENT REPORTS THAT ESTRELLA'S

ACCOUNT IS THE CORRECT ONE.

3. ASIDE FROM THE ABOVE, LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF
AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S JUNE 26-30 VISIT TO DATE HAS BEEN
LIMITED TO STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORTAGE OF HIS JUNE 26
ARRIVAL FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS.
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